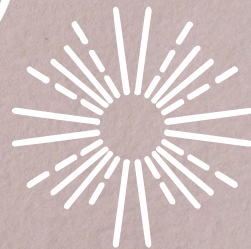


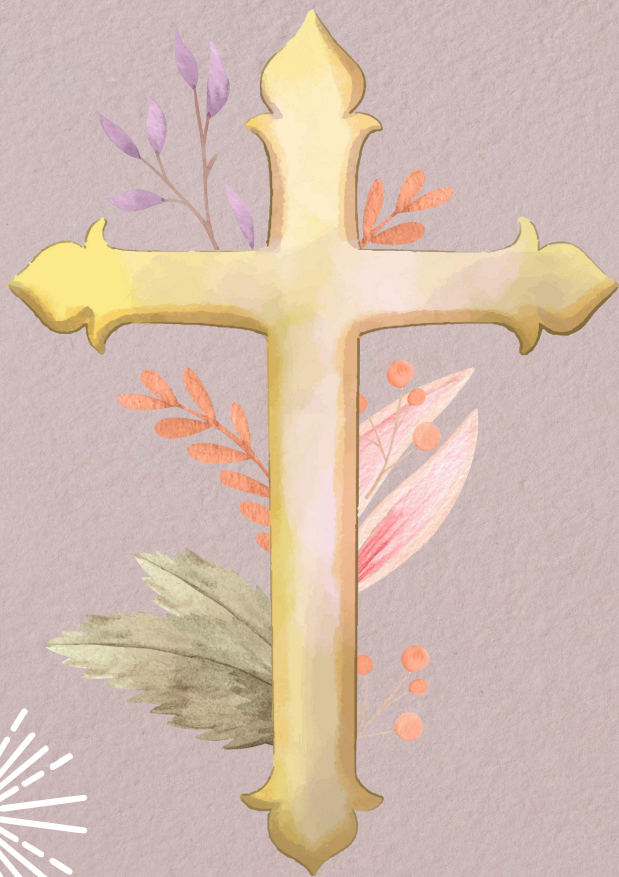


# Easter in Cyprus, Germany, France and Spain

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GOOD FRIDAY

The Friday of The Holy Week  
before Easter

# Good Friday in Cyprus and Spain Similarities

**A deeply religious occasion marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ**





# Good Friday in Cyprus and Spain Similarities

## Processions in Cyprus





Good Friday in Cyprus and Spain Similarities

## Processions in **Spain**





# Good Friday in Cyprus and Spain Difference

Cyprus fasting food



Spain fasting food





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# Main Differences

Generally, Cyprus is Orthodox while Germany, France and Spain are mainly Catholic

1. Date
2. Cultural Celebrations
3. Fasting
4. Community and Family Gatherings
5. Decorative Customs





# 1. Date

Cyprus: Greek Orthodox  
calendar

Germany, France, Spain:  
Western Christian / Gregorian  
calendar



## 2. Cultural Celebrations

### Cyprus:

- Easter Fire; Bonfires that symbolize Judas' betrayal
- Community Events; Traditional games and dances on Easter Sunday and Monday

### Germany:

- Easter Markets; Seasonal markets selling easter themed items
- Easter Bunny; symbolizes fertility and spring





## 2. Cultural Celebrations

### France:

- Flying Bells; Bells “fly to Rome” and return with easter treats
- Egg Hunts; Often organized by communities or families





## 2. Cultural Celebrations

### Spain:

- Semana Santa; Seasonal markets selling easter themed items
- Passion Plays; Some regions reenact the Passion of Christ





# 3. Fasting

**Cyprus:** Strict Orthodox fasting for 40 days

**Germany:** Moderate fasting



**France:** Mild fasting

**Spain:** Traditional Lenten abstinence



## 4. Community and Family Gatherings

All four countries focus on family tables for easter, and community events like mini games and egg hunts





## 5. Decorative Customs



### Cyprus:

- red-dyed eggs symbolize Christ's blood
- Candles / Lambades

### Germany:

- Easter trees
- Bunny-themed decorations





# 5. Decorative Customs

## France:

- Chocolate eggs, bells
- Spring flowers, bunnies, lamp

## Spain:

- Religious statues
- Spring flowers





Thank You

